THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The details of growth in the value of production and sales by the Village Industry (VI) units as well as employment during each of the last three years are given below:

Year	Production (Rs. Lakh)	Sales (Rs. Lakh)	Employment (lakh persons)
2002-03	8126.30	9615.71	57.87
2003-04	9228.27	10988.17	62.58
2004-05	10458.89	12487.35	68.14

Some VI units do suffer losses and close down. The reasons for such losses include use of oblolete technology, inconsistent quality of products, product designs not being in keeping with market demand, lack of entrepreneurial and managerial skills, etc.

(b) Existing units/self-employment ventures, which were set-up with credit from Banks and margin money assistance from the Government but have now become sick, are eligible for rehabilitation assistance available to sick units in the small scale industries sector, as per the guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). These measures include, *inter-alia*, waiver of penal interest on cash credit and term loan from the year the unit started making cash losses, segregation of unpaid interest on cash credit and term loan from the total liability and treating the former amount as a separate interest-free loan, reduced rate of interest (reduction of upto 3 per cent for tiny units) to be charged on unpaid term loans, additional working capital loan to be given at a rate of interest not exceeding the prime lending rate, etc.

Further, based on the "Policy Package for Stepping up credit to Small and Medium Enterprises" announced by the Government in the Parliament on 10 August 2005, the RBI has issued guidelines on 8 September 2005 to all public sector Banks that envisage debt restructuring mechanism for nursing sick small and medium enterprises back to health.

Funds under PMRY to Rajasthan

1335. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released during the last three years under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana to Rajasthan;

(b) whether any assessment has been made about the utilization of these funds;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of unemployed youths in Rajasthan who have received funds under the PMRY; and

(e) whether PMRY has been merged with National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, 2005 (NREGS)?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The details of funds released to the Government of Rajasthan during the last three years under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) are as under:

Year	funds Released (Rs. lakh)
2002-03	57.83
2003-04	106.01
2004-05	104.30

In addition, Central funds for subsidy payable to the individual beneficiaries (who are sanctioned loans by the Banks participating in implementation of the PMRY) are released to the Reserve Bank of India which in turn passes them to the implementing Banks for crediting the permissible amount to the loan accounts of these beneficiaries.

(b) and (c) Utilisation of funds released to the States/UTs is regulated/ monitored according to the norms prescribed for the Yojana. On the basis of utilisation certificates received from the States, reconciliation of funds is done and surplus/deficit adjusted accordingly in the subsequent release of funds to the States.

(d) A total of 37,689 unemployed youth have received funds under the PMRY from 2002-03 to 2004-05.

(e) No, Sir.

Schemes for development of agro-rural industries in Rajasthan

1336. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally-sponsored schemes implemented for developing agro-rural industries in Rajasthan;